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Daily Overview

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- CNET News.com reports a vulnerability in versions 5 and 6 of Internet Explorer causes the browser to crash when a Web page or HTML file containing a malicious Java script embedded in an HTML document is viewed. (See item [24](#))
- The Associated Press reports U.S. and Saudi officials said Thursday that Saudi authorities have arrested Ali Abd al-Rahman al-Faqasi al-Ghamdi, alleged to be an al Qaeda mastermind of the May 12 terrorist bombings in Riyadh. (See item [27](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: [Physical](#): Elevated, [Cyber](#): Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *June 26, Associated Press* — **Kentucky uranium plant workers OK contract. A nearly five-month strike at a plant that enriches uranium for the commercial nuclear industry ended Thursday after the workers ratified a new contract.** "A sound majority" of the more than 500 striking workers at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant voted Wednesday in favor of the eight-year contract, said Leon Owens, president of Local 5-550 of Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International. They began returning to work Thursday, starting off with orientation sessions. "We're glad they're coming back," said Elizabeth Stuckle, spokeswoman for USEC Inc., the Bethesda, MD-based operator of the western Kentucky plant. **USEC is the only U.S. company that enriches uranium for nuclear**

power. The company and union negotiators reached the tentative contract Monday. The 635 union workers at the plant went on strike February 4 over pension, wages, health insurance and other issues. Since the strike began, job reductions have resulted in 103 fewer union members working at the plant, Owens said. More than 1,400 people work at the Paducah plant, making it the largest private employer in western Kentucky.

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/mercurynews/business/6175315.htm>

2. *June 26, New York Times* — **Federal regulators uphold California energy contracts.** Federal energy regulators today rejected a request by California to invalidate more than \$12 billion in energy contracts signed at the height of the state's electricity crisis, even though they have determined that widespread manipulation helped drive prices higher. In a series of rulings issued today, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) also demanded that more than 60 sellers, including some of the nation's largest power companies, justify why they should not be forced to give up profits obtained through improper tactics. **The most important action today was the 2-to-1 decision upholding the long-term contracts for electricity that California signed to help bring raging power prices under control in 2000-01. Had the regulators invalidated the contracts, the state could have saved several billion dollars by arranging for alternate power supplies at lower prices, people on both sides of the issue said.** California officials criticized the decision, and officials with the state's Public Utilities Commission said they would appeal in a federal court. The contracts "were based on prices driven to record levels by market manipulation, so this unfortunate ruling could cost California billions of dollars if it is allowed to stand," said Senator Dianne Feinstein, Democrat from California.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/26/politics/26FERC.html>

3. *June 25, Reuters* — **Ohio nuke restart should await probe result. An Ohio nuclear power station that has been shut for the past 16 months should not resume operations until a federal probe determines whether its owner deliberately misled regulators about problems at the plant, a nuclear watchdog group said on Wednesday.** "We believe the restart should wait until the investigation is done to see if there was deliberate falsification of information submitted by FirstEnergy," said Dave Lochbaum, a nuclear safety engineer and member of the Union of Concerned Scientists. The plant is owned by FirstEnergy Corp. , based in Akron, Ohio. **FirstEnergy's Davis-Besse nuclear power plant was shut in February 2002 after inspectors found that boric acid leaking through cracks in the reactor vessel head had eaten a hole nearly all the way through the reactor's 6-inch-thick steel lid. No radiation leaked from the plant.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which oversees the nation's 103 atomic reactors, began its investigation in spring 2002 to determine whether FirstEnergy intentionally misled the agency about its operations at the plant.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3946987

4. *June 25, News Tribune (Tacoma, WA)* — **Puget Sound Energy to hear fate of hydroelectric project near Tacoma. Puget Sound Energy (PSE) may have to shut down its White River Hydroelectric Project after Monday and stop supplying water to Lake Tapps unless a federal agency reauthorizes the power project by then.** In an attempt to prevent the reservoir from losing water, local officials met with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials in Washington, D.C., on Monday and asked for an extension of PSE's authorization to run the power project. Local officials said they need six months to wrap up their four-year effort to

develop a plan to make the money-losing hydro project viable, without killing endangered fish in the White River. **If they fail, the popular recreational lake will dry up. Lake Tapps is more than four square miles in area and is surrounded by 2,000 homes.** Whether FERC will make a decision on the extension request by the end of the month is unknown. Come June 30, PSE has two choices if FERC hasn't acted on the request by then. **PSE could decide to comply with proposed conditions FERC has attached to its license for the power project. Or, PSE could shut down hydro operations.**

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3947681

5. *June 25, Reuters* — **Saboteurs cutting off power in Baghdad. Saboteurs linked to former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein have cut off power lines to Baghdad, depriving the war-weary Iraqi capital of electricity,** the top U.S. administrator said on Wednesday. Much of Baghdad has gone without water or electricity in recent days, adding to the hardship of people coping with severe unemployment and a lack of public safety. **"The problem is due to sabotage of the main power line between Beiji and Baghdad," Paul Bremer, leader of the provisional authority in Iraq, told a news conference. "Almost certainly the saboteurs are rogue Baathist elements. They are trying to hinder the coalition efforts to make life better for the average Iraqi person,"** he said, referring to Saddam's Baath Party. Oil and gas pipelines also have come under attack. But Bremer said daily life in Iraq was improving, in part because the United States and allies have pumped nearly \$1 billion into the economy over the past five weeks.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3946896

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *June 26, Reuters* — **House panel approves \$369 billion for defense. A U.S. House of Representatives committee on Thursday cleared a \$369 billion defense spending bill for next year.** The committee's defense spending bill is \$4 billion above current levels and gives Bush money he wanted to develop a missile defense system, strengthen special operations forces and create a faster, more mobile ground fighting force. **It has \$8.9 billion to continue work on a system to shoot down ballistic missiles, up \$1.3 billion. It would buy 144 upgraded Bradley Fighting Vehicles and 43 Abrams tanks, fund the fourth Stryker Medium Brigade command vehicles and has money for the next brigades. Shipbuilding gets \$11.5 billion, but the bill denies the Navy's request to pursue a multiyear contract for the Virginia-class submarine.**

Source: <http://asia.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=politicsNews&storyID=2996826>

7. *June 26, Bloomberg News* — **U.S. likely to charge two ex-Boeing workers. Two former Boeing workers will be charged with illegally obtaining Lockheed Martin documents to**

help their company win a government contract for launching military satellites, the United States attorney's office in Los Angeles said yesterday. **Prosecutors said they planned to accuse Kenneth Branch and his former supervisor, William Erskine, in a plot to steal trade secrets.** Boeing said last month that the Justice Department and the Air Force were investigating accusations that the company used the material to win contracts in 1998 to build satellites valued at \$2 billion.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/26/business/26BOEI.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *June 26, Neue Zürcher Zeitung AG (Switzerland)* — **Reports of money laundering on the rise.** There has been a sharp rise in cases of suspected money laundering in Switzerland. **The number of cases referred to the Money Laundering Reporting Office increased by 56 per cent in 2002 over the previous year. And for the first time there were more cases reported from Switzerland's non-banking sector than from the banks themselves.** This sector includes lawyers who handle money for their clients and currency exchange offices. The type of cases being reported is changing too; **in 2001 there were 95 suspected cases of money laundering connected with financing terrorism.** These were down to just 15 in 2002, but **cases connected to financial services companies involved in the international transfer of funds increased substantially, from 55 to 280.** Here the increase is apparently due to more rigorous control and reporting practices among Switzerland's non-banking sector.

Source: <http://nzz.ch/2003/06/26/english/page-synd3982306.html>

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Transportation Sector

9. *June 26, Associated Press* — **NTSB: No warning before train derailed. Railroad dispatchers didn't warn communities along the tracks before deciding to sidetrack runaway freight cars that barreled into a neighborhood east of Los Angeles, a National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigator said.** Angry residents said the toll in Friday's 29-car derailment, in which 29 people were treated for injuries, could have been much worse. **Commerce city administrator Thomas Sykes said "a few minutes' notice" would have been enough for the city to warn residents. "We have an automated calling system for things just like this," Sykes said.** The freight cars were clocked at 86 mph before Union Pacific dispatchers decided to send them onto a 15 mph-rated siding to prevent them from colliding with other trains. The train steadily gained speed and railroad officials considered options for stopping it. At 11:50 a.m., the chief dispatcher notified another railroad official that the siding in Commerce was the only choice. **"The railroad said they hoped the derailment would stay on the railroad track and not impact the community," Campbell said. Campbell said the decision was made after officials learned that a passenger train and another freight train were in the path of the runaway cars. After the crash, officials learned that the freight train was loaded with propane gas.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/national/AP-Train-Derail.html>

10. *June 26, Washington Post* — **Truckers, railroads call truce, will join to lobby Congress.** The trucking industry, reaching a mutual lobbying pact with the railroads, agreed yesterday not to seek federal permission to run longer and heavier trucks on the country's highways for at least the next six years. Rather than battle over the issue, **the American Trucking Associations and the Association of American Railroads effectively called a truce in one of Washington's longest-running and most expensive lobbying battles. They will instead spend their lobbying time and effort to promote mutually beneficial freight industry issues.** Washington, therefore, will be spared the perennial lobbying in which truckers try to expand the highway mileage open to big trucks and railroads orchestrate a counter-campaign to convince voters that bigger trucks are dangerous. The industry groups announced at a news conference that **they will work to persuade Congress to provide more money to solve problems facing all freight transport, such as increasing security, expediting border-crossing clearance and expanding "intermodal" truck-rail terminals.** They will also work to mitigate costly environmental rules, such as diesel-fuel emission standards, that affect both industries.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A33772-2003Jun 25.html>

11. *June 25, Reuters* — **House committee approves \$6 billion for Amtrak.** A key House of Representatives committee approved on Wednesday a bipartisan \$6 billion proposal for Amtrak for the next three years. **"It is my hope that the funding authorized in this bill will allow a last-chance window of opportunity for an Amtrak turnaround,"** said Rep. Don Young, an Alaska Republican and chairman of the Transportation Committee. The measure would meet the first three years of Amtrak's five-year, \$8 billion budget to operate its trains and repair the infrastructure of its heavily traveled line between Washington and Boston. **The nation's only city-to-city passenger railroad is a for-profit federal corporation that has never made money in its 30-year history. It has \$4 billion in debt, and the Bush administration has proposed dismantling it over the next several years instead of continuing to subsidize it. As a condition of its \$1.05 billion subsidy for the current fiscal year that ends September 30, the administration has required that Amtrak reform its business practices.** The administration, in a long-term rail plan to be detailed this summer, wants to phase in responsibility for Amtrak to the states over the next several years. They would eventually have the option of contracting service to private rail companies.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/politics/politics-transport-a mtrak.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture Sector

12. *June 26, Indiana Ag Connection* — **Apple growers face E. coli problems.** E-coli is traditionally thought of as a food safety problem for the meat industry, but fruit and vegetable

producers are also facing problems. **Tom Roney, operator of Tuttle Orchards in Indiana, explained new strains of E. coli are showing up in apple cider and tomato juice.** "The high acid level of apple cider and tomato juice kills most pathogens, but we are now seeing some new varieties that can survive in this environment," he said. **As a result, state and federal health officials have established new regulations with which producers must comply. This has forced many orchards to install special processing equipment to kill these pathogens.** There are three systems being used by most producers: ultraviolet light, ozonization, and heat pasteurization. **These are adding to the production costs for growers.**

Source: <http://www.indianaagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=414&yr=2003>

13. *June 26, Wisconsin Ag Connection* — U.S. asks Japan to delay import standards changes.

The U.S. has asked Japan to delay changes to import standards proposed in the wake of the diagnosis of a single Canadian cow with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), Agriculture Secretary Anne Veneman said last week. **Japan, the major importer of U.S. beef, requested earlier this month that the U.S. design and implement a tracking and certification program to document that no beef products exported to their country have a Canadian connection.** "We have requested that Japan extend its announced July 1 deadline to provide sufficient time to assure thorough examination and implementation of any additional science-based safeguards," Veneman said in a statement. "We are continuing to work diligently to address requests from Japan and South Korea to discuss changes in their import standards as a result of the discovery of a single case of BSE recently reported in Canada."

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.cfm?Id=704&yr=2003>

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Food Sector

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Water Sector

14. *June 26, Contra Costa Times* — Water supply to undergo quake retrofit. If a large earthquake were to strike, about 800,000 customers of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, in Northern California, could see their water supply dried up for about six months. On Wednesday, the district announced its \$38 million plan to bore a 1,500-foot tunnel under the Berkeley hills to replace a weak link in the region's water supply. The new tunnel will be part of a \$189 million, 10-year seismic upgrade. "The state of California has retrofitted its roads, its bridges and its buildings. Now it's time to retrofit our water supply," said Henry Renteria, director of Oakland's office of emergency services. The Claremont tunnel was built in the late 1920s and delivers up to 175 million gallons a day from an Orinda treatment plant to customers in Berkeley, Oakland and surrounding areas. Since the 3.4-mile tunnel crosses the Hayward fault the district says chances are good that it would fail in a major earthquake on the fault.

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/cctimes/6173932.htm>

Public Health Sector

15. *June 26, American City Business Journals* — **University of Florida makes strides in fight against cholera.** University of Florida researchers recently identified genes that bacteria use to outwit their human hosts, a discovery officials say could benefit scientists fighting cholera and other illnesses. **University experts, working with Harvard Medical School, isolated a protein linked to bacteria genes in people with cholera,** an intestinal scourge now in its seventh generation and sweeping the globe. University officials say **the discovery could lead to a cheaper, more effective vaccine for deadly cholera, which health officials says kills hundreds of thousands each year in underdeveloped nations.** Existing vaccines are expensive, provide short-term immunity and do little for children under 2. Developing a new vaccine has been difficult because humans are the bacteria's only know host, ruling out animal testing.
Source: <http://jacksonville.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2003/06/23/daily16.html>
16. *June 26, San Diego Union-Tribune* — **Biotechs seen as a key in fight vs. terrorism.** Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge told international biotechnology executives Wednesday that they need to make combating terrorism one of their top priorities. **It's the biotechnology industry that has the intellectual might to develop the technology to detect biological weapons, treatments for the diseases they cause and tests to identify the symptoms, Ridge said.** Biotech has the technology to help keep the nation's food and water systems safe, and to improve the surveillance network that now monitors 30 cities around the country for signs that a biological agent has been released, he said. "The private sector must take the lead here," Ridge said during a speech to the biotechnology insiders. "We need and want your best ideas." **The few panel discussions that focused on bioterrorism or biodefense during the three-day conference showed there was much doubt on the industry's part as to whether doing this type of business with the government would be beneficial to cash-strapped biotechs.**
Source: http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/business/biotech/20030626-9999_1b26bio.html
17. *June 26, Fort Detrick Standard* — **Army continues quest for 'breakbone' fever vaccine.** Dengue transmission begins with a bite from a female Aedes aegypti mosquito. **The disease is now endemic in more than 100 countries in Africa, the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean, Southeast Asia, and the Western Pacific. It's also shown up in Hawaii, and along the Texas-Mexico border.** For soldiers who could be expected to travel anywhere at any time, insect repellents and environmental vector control are currently the only line of defense against Aedes aegypti. **Because of the damage dengue wreaks on readiness, the military has long pursued a "traveler's" vaccine for it.** "Right now, we're down to one or two promising formulations that result in significant antibodies and minimal side effects." Maj. Brian Gentile, product manager for the vaccine at the U.S. Army, said **barring any funding setbacks or problems with it, the vaccine, with all four dengue types premixed, could be ready for Food and Drug Administration approval in six or seven years.** So far the vaccine has been tested in Phase 1 and 2 clinical trials in hundreds of adult volunteers. Phase 2 trials are

planned in Thailand and Panama for this summer or early fall that will involve larger numbers of volunteers.

Source: http://www.dcmilitary.com/army/standard/8_13/features/23831-1.html

18. *June 25, Associated Press* — **Nebraska mowers contract tularemia. Two men who mowed over a nest of rabbits, killing some of them, and another who cleaned the mower developed a rare disease known as rabbit fever**, authorities said. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has launched an investigation into the incident. The disease, also called pneumonic tularemia, is generally treatable with antibiotics but can lead to pneumonia. **The CDC became interested because one of the three people appears to have the rare, inhaled form of the disease**, said Lancaster County health official Tim Timmons. The United States averaged 124 cases of tularemia in 1999 and 2000, according the CDC, and three to four cases a year are typical in Nebraska. Tularemia is caused by the organism *Francisella tularensis*, a bacteria studied widely during World War II as a biological weapon. Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/06/25/health/main560392.shtml>

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Government Sector

19. *June 24, Government Accounting Office* — **GAO-03-852T: Information Security: Continued Efforts Needed to Fully Implement Statutory Requirements**. Since 1996, the Government Accounting Office (GAO) has reported that **poor information security in the federal government is a widespread problem with potentially devastating consequences**. Further, **GAO has identified information security as a governmentwide high-risk issue** in reports to the Congress since 1997—most recently in January 2003. This testimony examines overall information security weaknesses and challenges that the government faces, and the status of actions to address them, as reported by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); GAO's evaluation of agency efforts to implement federal information security requirements and correct identified weaknesses; and new requirements mandated by the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA). Source: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d03852t.pdf>

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Emergency Services Sector

20. *June 26, Elizabethton Star (Elizabethton, Tennessee)* — **Tennessee county to receive \$170,000 in Homeland Security grants. Tennessee has received an additional \$29.1 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security — the vast majority of which will be passed to local jurisdictions**. The money, allocated to the state by the federal government, is earmarked to help first responders improve their ability to deter, and if necessary, respond to situations involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats. "We get the mandates from the federal government that this is to be used for planning for, training for, preventing and responding to acts of terrorism," Tennessee Homeland Security Director Maj. Gen. Jerry Humble said. **Local emergency officials in the counties**

receiving money will be in charge of deciding how the money should be spent, according to Humble. The latest round follows \$11 million in federal funding that the state and local jurisdictions divided in May. Like earlier funds received by the state, **most of the new money will be dispersed to all 95 counties in Tennessee.** In addition, the state's largest urban area, **Memphis, will receive \$6.1 million in direct federal funding.**

Source: <http://www.starhq.com/html/localnews/0603/062603County.html>

21. *June 26, Arkansas Democrat–Gazette* — **University of Arkansas working to map out emergency response plan.** Lessons learned in the aftermath of an August 2000 murder–suicide in Kimpel Hall still prove helpful to University of Arkansas (UA) officials as they map out emergency response plans. **Though Wednesday’s mock scenario was a late–afternoon tornado striking during a nationally televised campus basketball game, officials said a well–planned response would help during disasters of any sort.** Richard Hudson, the UA’s legislative and congressional liaison, learned that while many parents call campus in an emergency, others will first contact the governor’s office or the Department of Higher Education. **Those who gathered in the emergency command center at Reynolds Razorback Stadium for Wednesday’s meeting suggested repeatedly that communicating disaster information to the public is critical so that families can get information quickly and phone lines can be kept clear for emergency use.** The drill was the first in a series of such sessions the campus plans between now and the spring, said Larry Slamons, director of University Police. **The officials asked one another what were the best ways — and the proper sequence — to clear roads, get to damaged buildings, look for the injured and let the community know quickly what was going on.**

Source: http://www.nwanews.com/adg/story_Arkansas.php?storyid=34310

22. *June 26, News–Miner (Fairbanks, AK)* — **Alaska gets millions to buy emergency equipment.** The federal Department of Homeland Security has approved a second round of grants to Alaska's emergency response agencies, bringing the total for the fiscal year to about \$18.2 million. **The money will mostly buy equipment for police and fire departments, according to state officials.** Last year, such homeland security grants amounted to about \$2.5 million, they said. The state will decide next week how to allocate this year's money, according to Tom Burgess, director of the Alaska Division of Homeland Security. Experts from across the state will convene to look at needs, he said. **Burgess said the federal government requires that most of the money go to local governments for equipment purchases. Equipment can include such items as personal protective gear, radios, and explosives detection machines.** The money can't be used for standard emergency vehicles like police cars but could be used for a "mobile command post," he said.

Source: <http://www.news-miner.com/Stories/0.1413.113~7244~1478726.00.html>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

23. *June 26, Computerworld* — **Sobig.E worm spreading around globe.** The latest version of the Sobig worm, Sobig.E, has been making its way through computer networks around the world since Wednesday. **The worm spreads by scouring an infected computer's hard drive for e–mail addresses in address books or even Web browser cache files, then sends itself out**

to the addresses it finds. It can spoof its sender's address, so the recipients believe they are receiving a message from someone they know. Graham Cluley of anti-virus software vendor Sophos says **the new version of Sobig, which is set to expire on July 14, is being sent as a .zip file, perhaps to allow it to spread in corporate environments** where .exe and other file types are automatically blocked in incoming e-mails. Marty Lindner of the CERT Coordination Center at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, said **the rapid spread of the worm since yesterday means recipients are still opening files in messages even when they have been warned countless times that it's unsafe to do so.** Users should update their anti-virus software and should not open unsolicited attachments.

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/virus/story/0,10801,82512,00.html?SKC=news82512>



24. *June 25, CNET News.com* — **IE flaw could unearth worm. A vulnerability in Microsoft's Internet Explorer could result in the creation of a serious Internet worm,** security experts have warned. However, **there is no proof that the vulnerability foretells the execution of arbitrary code.** The buffer overflow vulnerability is triggered by a malicious Java script that can be embedded in an HTML document. **When a Web page or HTML file containing the malicious script is viewed by Internet Explorer, versions 5 and 6, the buffer is overrun and the browser crashes.** The code was posted to the BugTraq security mailing list early Sunday morning. **Microsoft wasn't pleased with the premature revelation of the vulnerability** before its security teams got a chance to look into the matter. There is currently no patch unavailable.

Source: http://rss.com.com/2100-1009_3-1020919.html?type=pt&part=rss&tag=feed&subj=news

25. *June 25, IDG News Service* — **Serious security holes, buggy code found in Symantec products. On Monday, anti-virus software company Symantec acknowledged a report about a serious security flaw in Symantec Security Check,** an online service that enables users to scan their computer's vulnerability to a number of security threats. An ActiveX control installed by the Security Check service contains a buffer overflow vulnerability that could enable a remote attacker to crash or run malicious code on systems that had the control installed. **Symantec updated the ActiveX control in the Security Check service, but security researchers monitoring the issue noted attackers who have a copy of the flawed ActiveX code with a valid Symantec digital signature could trick a Microsoft Windows system into accepting the control, opening that system to attack.** Also on Monday customers using Symantec AntiVirus Corporate Edition reported that an automated anti-virus definition update from the company caused the anti-virus software to fail. Symantec subsequently provided instructions on how to repair systems that had downloaded the faulty update.

Source: http://www.idg.net/ic_1324888_9716_1-5046.html

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_LOVGATE.F Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10 Target Ports	137 (netbios-ns), 80 (www), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 139 (netbios-ssn), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 113 (ident), 0 (---), 9007 (---) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

26. *June 26, CNN* — High winds fan New Mexico blaze. High winds Thursday in Albuquerque, New Mexico, could impede the work of National Guard helicopters that made overnight progress against a wildfire in one of the city's northwest neighborhoods. "We're optimistic, but we're concerned," said Lt. Lynn Reule, an Albuquerque Fire Department spokeswoman who described the fire as "controlled but not contained." **About 200 firefighters from 15 agencies are trying to limit the 2-day-old fire's spread,** Reule said. With fires threatening houses, apartments, a school and shopping center, **authorities evacuated 600 families from surrounding neighborhoods. Authorities suspect arson in two fires that have scorched about 1,400 acres of Albuquerque woodland known as the Bosque — Spanish for "forest."** By early Thursday, an area a mile long and 300 yards wide had burned along the banks of the Rio Grande River. **High winds about midnight Wednesday whipped flames as high as 200 feet in the air,** Reule said. Those winds subsided early Thursday, and **higher humidity and the use of helicopters to dump water on the blazes helped limit the damage overnight, she said.** In Arizona, calmer winds allowed firefighters to make progress against a wildfire that has charred more than 30,000 acres since it began last week and has destroyed more than 300 homes and businesses northeast of Tucson.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/Southwest/06/26/wildfires/>

27. *June 26, Associated Press* — Mastermind of Saudi bombing arrested. Authorities have arrested a man alleged to be an al Qaeda mastermind of the May 12 terrorist bombings in Riyadh, U.S. and Saudi officials said Thursday. Ali Abd al-Rahman al-Faqasi al-Ghamdi surrendered to Saudi police, according to an official with the Saudi interior ministry, according to state-run Radio Riyadh. **U.S. counterterrorism officials predicted the arrest would severely hamper al Qaeda's operations in Saudi Arabia.** He was one of the top al Qaeda operatives in the kingdom, officials said. The Saudi, around 30 years old, fought with al Qaeda in the U.S. war in Afghanistan. Also known as Abu Bakr al-Azdi, he was at Tora Bora, where

Osama bin Laden was thought to be hiding, in late 2001, the officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. He left before the U.S. bombing began. **Officials say he has been linked to Saif al-Adil and Abu Mohamed al-Masri, two of the most senior al Qaeda operatives who remain at large. U.S. officials have said both are thought to be hiding in Iran.** In the May 12 attack, gunmen and suicide bombers attacked three housing compounds populated by Westerners and other foreigners. Nine attackers and 25 victims were killed. "Justice will take its course within the framework of the laws," Saudi radio quoted the Interior Ministry official as saying.

Source: http://www.wusatv9.com/news/news_article.asp?storyid=19917

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DHS/IAIP Products & Contact Information

The Department of Homeland Security's Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) serves as a national critical infrastructure threat assessment, warning, vulnerability entity. The IAIP provides a range of bulletins and advisories of interest to information system security and professionals and those involved in protecting public and private infrastructures. By visiting the IAIP web-site (<http://www.nipc.gov>), one can quickly access any of the following DHS/IAIP products:

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